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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC 1. Military Information from Burg

2. AA Gun Emplacement at the Elbe River Bridge near Magdeburg

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 18 and 23 October 1950

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REMARKS

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1. On 18 October 1950 the Neue Kaserne, Burg (N 53/Y 51), quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. About 120 soldiers were observed attending a game of soccer. *

2. The Alte Kaserne in Burg was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. The barracks buildings east of the hospital were about 20 percent lighted during the evening. **

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4. On 23 October 1950 six AA guns of about 20 mm caliber were emplaced on the bank of the Elbe River, about 120 meters south of the Magdeburg railroad bridge on the Burg-Magdeburg railroad line. The guns were covered with tarpaulins. Three model aircraft in diving position were suspended from a rope between two trees. No training activity was observed. Only three soldiers were seen at the guns. The gun crews were accommodated in three shelters built into the Elbe River levee. ***

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* Comment. Besides elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, artillery, possibly AT artillery, components of the Third Shock Army or the IV Arty Corps, are believed to be stationed in the Neue Kaserne. [redacted]

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Subject report indicates that some of the troops from the installation had not returned from field exercises on 23 October 1950. The elements of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, of the GOFG, which were previously believed to be stationed in the billeting area, presumably began to move to the Kuestrin-Frankfurt/Oder area at the end of August 1950. [redacted]

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** Comment. The elements of the 136th Gds Pv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army from this installation were apparently still absent from the post on 23 October 1950. [redacted]

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*** Comment. The AAA unit at the railroad bridge is believed to belong to the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army. [redacted]

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